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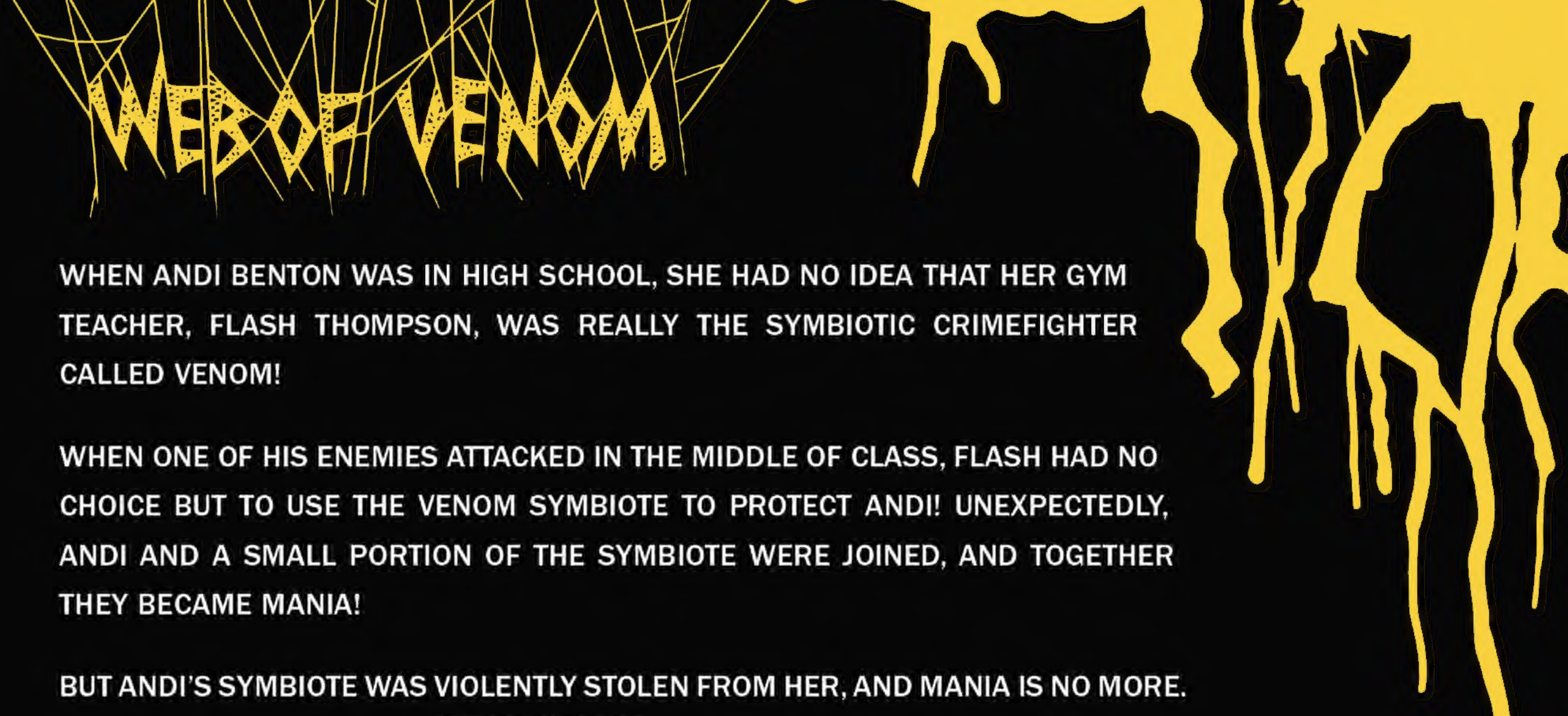

WHEN ANDI BENTON WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT HER GYM TEACHER, FLASH THOMPSON, WAS REALLY THE SYMBIOTIC CRIMEFIGHTER CALLED VENOM!

WHEN ONE OF HIS ENEMIES ATTACKED IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS, FLASH HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE VENOM SYMBIOTE TO PROTECT ANDI! UNEXPECTEDLY, ANDI AND A SMALL PORTION OF THE SYMBIOTE WERE JOINED, AND TOGETHER THEY BECAME MANIA!

BUT ANDI'S SYMBIOTE WAS VIOLENTLY STOLEN FROM HER, AND MANIA IS NO MORE. ALL SHE HAS LEFT IS THE **HELL-MARK**, WHICH EMPOWERS HER TO CONJURE HELLFIRE AND SUMMON DEMONS.

SINCE LOSING HER SYMBIOTE, ANDI HAS BEEN BACK IN PHILADELPHIA, LIVING WITH HER AUNT AND TRYING TO GET USED TO LIFE WITHOUT THE SYMBIOTE.

BUT TROUBLE HAS A WAY OF FINDING HER...

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...MMMNNNGG... TASTES--

...MMM...

--SO GOOD!

YEEEEAAAGGHHH!

THROK

GET--

--OFF!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ANDI?

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN SLIP AWAY!

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM US!

WE'RE PART OF YOU!

YOU'LL NEVER BE FREE!

GASP!

ANOTHER NIGHTMARE.

FOURTH ONE THIS WEEK.

AT LEAST I DIDN'T WAKE UP *SCREAMING* THIS TIME.

EITHER THEY'RE EASING UP...

...OR I'M GETTING *USED* TO THEM.

AUNT SARAH?

HEY, ANDI.
GOOD MORNING.
WANT SOME BREAKFAST? I'M MAKING SCRAMBLED EGGS.
NO, THANKS.
YOU KNOW I'M NOT MUCH OF AN EGGS PERSON.
MAYBE I'LL JUST HAVE SOME--
POP
SO.
NO DREAMS LAST NIGHT?
...
MISSING
DONNA DIEGO
THAT'S MY JAM

SLEPT LIKE A BABY.

FZZZZZ

THAT'S A SURPRISE, CONSIDERING YOUR ***CAFFEINE*** INTAKE.

A POP FOR BREAKFAST?

REALLY, ANDI?

I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE.

SODA

I KNOW, I KNOW.

BUT I'M NOT QUITE DONE LOOKING OUT FOR YOU.

FOR NOW, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME WORRYING FOR A WHILE LONGER.

HEH.

I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

IT'S CUTE HOW AUNT SARAH FAWNS OVER ME.

LORD KNOWS I'VE GIVEN HER ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT.

BUT IF SHE EVER REALIZED THE TRUTH...IF SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I'VE BEEN THROUGH...

...SHE'D LOSE HER @#$%.

FOR ME, THE HORROR--THE NIGHTMARES--STARTED WHERE THEY ALWAYS DO.

HIGH SCHOOL GYM CLASS.

THAT'S WHERE I MET FLASH THOMPSON.

THE ASSISTANT COACH. A VET WHO LOST HIS LEGS.

FLASH HAD A SECRET.

WE ALL DO.

HIS WAS JUST BIGGER THAN MOST.

50% OFF

HE WAS A *SUPER HERO.*

AGENT VENOM.

BONDED TO--*POSSESSED BY* AN ALIEN SYMBIOTE THAT GAVE HIM INCREDIBLE POWERS.

IF I'M BEING HONEST...

...HE WASN'T ALL THAT GREAT AT THE JOB.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE ME, HE ACCIDENTALLY TURNED ME INTO *MANIA*...

...SORT OF A SUPER HERO IN MY OWN RIGHT.

I MIGHT'VE BEEN JUST AS BAD AT IT AS HE WAS.

MY SYMBIOTE WAS **STOLEN** FROM ME...

...**RIPPED** RIGHT OFF ME IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK.

FLASH USED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT *PHANTOM LIMB SYNDROME*.

HEY, ANDI!

HE SAID HE COULD STILL FEEL HIS LEGS EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE GONE.

NOW, WITHOUT *MY* SYMBIOTE...

...I THINK I KNOW HOW HE FELT.

I WOULDN'T SAY I'VE *ADJUSTED.*

BUT I'M STARTING TO *ADAPT.*

I'M GETTING MY ACT TOGETHER.

GIVE ME A SEC, GUYS. THIS'LL NEED WAAAAAAAAY MORE SUGAR.

I'VE EVEN MADE *FRIENDS.*

NORMAL FRIENDS.

IT EASES THE PHANTOM PAIN.

THAT HELPS.

MAKES ME THINK THAT IF I KEEP WORKING AT IT, I MIGHT LEAVE ALL THE NIGHTMARES--

SGGH-SLLSH

SLLSH

SGLK

SLLLSH

SGL"

--BEHIND ME.

SLLLSH

NEVER!
NEVER, ANDI!
NEVER FREE!
WE'RE PART OF YOU!
DEEP INSIDE!
MANIA IS A PART OF YOU!
NESTING IN YOUR CELLS!
AHHH--

MMRRGGHH!

OH...OH GOD!

ANDI?

ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU JUST SORT OF...FROZE UP.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HAVING A **SEIZURE** OR SOMETHING.

I...

...I'M ALL RIGHT.

I...

I THINK.

MY FRIENDS SMILE

THEY LAUGH IT OFF

BUT THERE'S A FALSENESS TO THEIR SMILES

A DISCOMFORT UNDER THEIR LAUGHTER

NONE OF THEM ASK, BUT THEY'RE ALL WONDERING

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ANDI?

CAN'T BLAME THEM

IF I KNEW THE ANSWER, I'D TELL THEM.

IF THEY COULD BE CHILL THROUGH THE WHOLE "I USED TO BE A TEENAGE ALIEN-BONDED VIGILANTE" CONVERSATION, THAT IS

YOU'RE LATE, ANDI.

AGAIN.

BUT I BROUGHT COFFEE, MITCH.

AGAIN.

BRIBERY WILL ONLY GET YOU SO FAR.

LOTS OF SUGAR? LOTS OF CREAM?

YOU KNOW IT.

YOU'VE ELEVATED TARDINESS TO AN ART FORM.

YOU SHOULDA KNOWN ME IN HIGH SCHOOL.

IT'S WEIRD

EVEN IN THE LULLS BETWEEN THESE...

MANXIA

ATTACKS

...I CAN STILL FEEL THE ANXIETY BUILDING...

...LIKE I KNOW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THESE NIGHTMARES RETURN.

THEY ALWAYS DO

PART OF YOU!

YOU'LL NEVER BE FREE!

NEVER!

WHAT THE HELL, ANDI?

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT--

HRRRGGK!

SHUNK

MITCH!

ANDI?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I...
I HAVE TO GO!
H-HEY!
YOU CAN'T JUST WALK OUT ON ME!

A SHORT TIME LATER...

WALKED AROUND FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS BEFORE HEADING HOME.

IF AUNT SARAH FIGURES OUT I'VE SKIPPED WORK, I'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT.

THING IS...

I WANT TO TELL HER

AND IF I TELL HER ABOUT WORK...

AUNT SARAH?

...I KNOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHUT UP AND I'LL JUST TELL HER EVERYTHING.

THEN...JUST MAYBE...

ANDI...

...COME IN, DEAR.

COME CLOSER.

...I WOULDN'T BE GOING AT THIS ALL BY MY DAMN SELF.

SHE'LL UNDERSTAND, WON'T SHE?

ARE YOU...

IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

FAMILY IS SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO YOU AND UNDERSTAND...

...EVEN WHEN THE MESSAGE ISN'T EASY TO HEAR.

I'M JUST FINE, DEAR.

JUST FINE.

JUST FINE!

JUST FINE!

NOT REAL

N-NO.

JUST ANOTHER HALLUCINATION.

C'MERE, ANDI.

GIVE AUNT SARAH A KISS!

A KISS!

MY MIND PLAYING TRICKS ON ME AGAIN

CAN'T BE REAL.

TORMENTING ME

OH, IT'S REAL GIRLIE!

THIS AIN'T NO DREAM!

HERE

--LET CARNAGE PINCH YOU AND SEE IF YOU WAKE UP!

NOT REAL

SSSSH

ANOTHER NIGHTMARE

SLLLSH

NOT REAL

NOT REAL

NOT REAL

NOT REAL

NOT

AAAAGGH!

REAL

NEED TO GET AWAY!

AWWWW, WHERE YA GOIN' BOO?

WE AIN'T DONE PLAYIN'

WE AIN'T DONE BY A LONG SHOT!

WANT TO SCREAM... ALMOST NEED TO SCREAM...

HNNN--

BUT IF I SCREAM--

AHH--

OH, ANDI! SORRY, YOUNG LADY!

JUST OUT WALKING PEACHES.

DIDN'T MEAN TO GIVE YOU A--

YAP! YAP! YAP! YAP! YAP!

OH, DEAR!

YOU'VE BEEN HURT!

WE SHOULD GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!

SLLSGSH

SLLSGSH

M-MY HALLUCINATIONS...

...WERE THEY SOMEHOW WARNING ME?

TRYING TO PROTECT ME?

I DO THE ONLY THING I CAN.

I RUN.

THAT'S CARNAGE!

HE'S A MANIAC!

HE'LL KILL EVERYONE!

EVERYONE HE SEES!

AND I CAN'T FIGHT HIM!

YAP! YAP! YAP!

DRAW HIM AWAY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

LURE HIM

THEN WHAT?

YAP! YAP! YAP!

I'M ALONE.

COACH...

...I WISH YOU WERE HERE...

YOU'D KNOW WHAT TO DO

YOU'D DAMN SURE COOK UP SOME KIND OF HAIL MARY.

GOTCHA!

YOU CAN'T SLIP AWAY!

I CAN SMELL THE SYMBIOTE DEEP DOWN IN YOUR MARROW!

TIME FOR LAST WORDS, GIRL

R-RISE...

"...MONSTERS OF EVIL!"

DUNNO WHY CARNAGE CAME FOR ME.

DUNNO HOW HE TRACKED ME...HOW HE FOUND ME.

...BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW ME.

HE DIDN'T COUNT ON MY CURRENT CONNECTION TO HELL.

HE DIDN'T COUNT ON...

...MY ABILITY TO SUMMON A BUNCH OF DEVIL-MONSTERS TO FIGHT BY MY SIDE.

DAMN, GIRL.

YOU'RE FREAKY.

YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.

BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.

I'M MARKED.

CURSED.

BY THE DEVIL.

MY MONSTERS.

FWOOOSH

REEEAAAARGH!

BIG AND DUMB AND DEMON-POSSESSED.

AND THEY ANSWER TO ME.

YEEEAAAAGH!

WHAM

N-NO!

NO MORE!

YOU'RE KILLING ME!

SHNK-NK

PSYCH!
HEHEHEH

HOW--?

THE FLAMES... HELLFIRE

...SHOULD TURN THE SYMBIOTE TO ASH...

NICE TRY, KID

BUT I'M AFRAID FIRE DOESN'T BOTHER ME ALL THAT MUCH ANYMORE

YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO'S *CURSED*.

COULDA MADE THIS QUICK.

PAINLESS.

BUT NOOOOOOOO.

YOU HAD TO ACT TOUGH

HAD TO PISS ME OFF

EH--

THRU-
THUP-
THRUP-
THRUP

THRA-SMASH

GET OFF I SWEAR...

I'LL MAKE IT RAIN BLOOD AND GUTS AND BONE!

LSSSH

LSSSH

LSSSH

LSSSH

CAN'T STAND IN THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL.

I AM THE APOSTLE OF KNULL.

YOUR BLOOD WILL BE MY OFFERING TO HIM.

COME AND GET IT, THEN.

BUT IT DAMN SURE WONT BE EASY FOR YOU!

THWACK

YOU ATTACKED ME!

YOU KILLED MY FAMILY!

GONNA MAKE YOU PAY!

GONNA MAKE YOU--

--SCREAM!

SORRY GIRLIE

I THINK IT'S YOUR TURN TO HOLLER A BIT

KRA-SNAP

NAGGGGH!

THOSE TRACES OF SYMBIOTE DNA THAT'RE FLOWING THROUGH YOUR BLOOD...

...I NEED THEM...

...NEED THEM TO FULFILL MY PROMISE TO KNULL...

...TO SET HIM FREE...

...AND WHEN I'VE GATHERED UP ALL THE LITTLE CAST-OFF SYMBIOTE *BITS*...

...ALL THE *EXCREMENT* LEFT IN YOUR CELLS...

...IN ALL THE OTHER *HAS-BEENS* AND *WANNABES*...

...KNULL AND ME ARE GONNA WASH THE WORLD IN BLOOD!

WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE DOING...

...WHATEVER INSANITY THAT'S GOT YOU ALL RILED UP...

...IT BROUGHT YOU TO ME...

...AND I'M SENDING YOU TO HELL.

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING?

YOU THINK DEVILS SCARE ME?

THINK AGAIN!

I GIVE DEVILS NIGHTMARES!

AND EVERY TIME I EAT ONE OF YOU LOSERS--YOU FAKERS--I GET A LITTLE JOLT!

SOON ENOUGH, I WON'T JUST BE GOOD 'OL CARNAGE.

AGGHH!

I'LL BE A GOD!

GRUUUHH!

SCHUNK

SHUNK

SHUNK

H-H-HOLD HIM.

HOLD HIM.

LET ME--

N-NO!

WHAT--

WOOOSH

COME ON!

DON'T RUN OFF!

WE WERE JUST STARTING TO HAVE FUN!

HELL-MARK

SOMEHOW.. TELEPORTED ME AWAY.

DEMONIC SELF-PRESERVATION

THE INFERNAL REALM NEEDS ME ALIVE.

HE WOULD HAVE KILLED ME.

I THREW EVERYTHING AT HIM

BUT COULDN'T STOP HIM.

HE'S GATHERING POWER

IF HE GOT ME, THE OTHERS...

...WOULDN'T HAVE THEIR OWN SCREWED-UP PSYCHES TO WARN THEM.

AT LEAST...THIS WAY...I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY.

AND JUST LIKE THAT I'M NO LONGER FALLING THROUGH HELL

INSTEAD I'M IN

NEW YORK

VENOM'S HERE

THE OTHER VENOM

EDDIE BROCK.

I'VE GOTTA FIND HIM

WARN HIM ABOUT CARNAGE

WARN HIM THAT CARNAGE IS COMING FOR PEOPLE WITH A CONNECTION TO THE SYMBIOTES.

WE'VE GOTTA STOP HIM

WE

I CAN'T DO IT ON MY OWN.

I CAN'T STOP HIM ALONE

BUT I'M NOT ALONE AM I?

I'LL NEVER BE ALONE

EVEN THOUGH I LEFT CARNAGE IN PHILLY...

...I CAN STILL FEEL HIM...

...CLINGING TO ME...

HUH.

LITTLE SNOT THINKS SHE CAN RUN AND HIDE?

DON'T SHE KNOW I CAN FIND HER WHEREVER SHE GOES?

...FOLLOWING ME...

...LIKE A BAD DREAM I JUST CAN'T SHAKE...

...LIKE PHANTOM PAIN.

DON'T SHE KNOW SHE'S JUST LEADING ME WHERE I WAS *PLANNING* ON GOING ANYHOW?

TO BE CONTINUED IN *ABSOLUTE CARNAGE!*

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Hello in here, out there, around the world and aboard all the ships at sea! Editor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York!

HOO BOY! We're not even two weeks into June and this is already one of the best summers EVER!

As you Mighty Marvelites are already aware, the WAR OF THE REALMS touched down in Marvel's New York this past April, and with it came calamity, chaos and comic book craziness of the highest order--including right here in the pages of VENOM!

We were fortunate enough to be joined by longtime members of the Venom family Cullen Bunn, Iban Coello and Andres Mossa for our three-part WAR OF THE REALMS tie-in story, and boy did they knock it out of the park! At least, that's the only logical conclusion if the letters we've gotten from you readers out there in the Venomverse are to be believed!

We'll get to those letters from you Venomaniacs in just a few, but first we've GOT to talk about the next big thing that's on the way from your pals here at Symbiote HQ! As I type this, the world has got VENOM FEVER all over again, as we barrel towards the VENOM event of 2019--ABSOLUTE CARNAGE!

We're FINALLY through the month of May, which means FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2019 is behind us and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE is officially underway!

As a matter of fact, Carnage's symbiotic tendrils have already begun to weave their way through the Marvel Universe and into some of your favorite titles! Through the month of June, we've dropped unique, single-page stories on the final pages of a bunch of non-symbiote Marvel titles--but Marvel readers are some of the most eagle-eyed fans out there, so I bet you guys knew that already!

But if you DIDN'T, here's a handy list of some of the books you may want to check the back issues for:

JUNE
VENOM #15
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #24
DEADPOOL #14
SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN #3
FANTASTIC FOUR #11

And be sure to keep your eyes peeled all through this month, too, because there are more of these stories to come--and every one of them will provide a clue about Carnage's biggest targets...so don't miss 'em!

ITEM: But those one-pagers are just the beginning, True Believers! We here at the House of Ideas have been hard at work with some of the best creators in the business getting a whole host of symbiotic stories ready for YOU (or the symbiote-lover in your family)!

And the first two terrifying titles we'll be releasing are ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SEPARATION ANXIETY!

From Cullen Bunn and Gerardo Sandoval comes AC: SCREAM #1! A three-issue limited series tying directly into the events of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE, SCREAM is a brutal adventure through New York's underbelly...as Carnage's forces swarm every alleyway and street they can find!

SCREAM has been a favorite character of mine since I was a kid and saw her in the Spider-Man attraction at Universal's Islands of Adventure, and revisiting the symbiote in this event is one of the most exciting things to happen in my career!

(Just ask Spider-Editor Nick Lowe--I've been trying to get Scream into Venom's orbit for YEARS!)

BUT WHO WILL BE THE SYMBIOTE'S HOST?! HOW WILL IT DEAL WITH THE DOPPELGANGERS STORMING MANHATTAN?! AND WILL IT BE ABLE TO RESIST THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF KNULL?!

There's only one way to find out--pick SCREAM up next month!

AC: SEPARATION ANXIETY, meanwhile, is just about as different a book from SCREAM as you could find! Written by horror scribe Clay McLeod Chapman and illustrated by the one and only Brian Level, SEPARATION ANXIETY is a quieter story that takes place in a family's home in middle America. In spite of that quiet setting, this has gotta be one of the most visceral, sharp and scary stories I've ever read. Not just in comics but in all of fiction! Add Brian's insanely beautiful, dynamic and--at times--grotesque artwork, and you've got a recipe for one killer one-shot.

Both SCREAM and SEPARATION ANXIETY are on sale on August 14th! Be sure to ask your shop to hold a copy of both of 'em for you so you don't miss out!

ALL RIGHT! Enough plugging. Let's get to your letters! We'll start south of the border with a note from Miguel, a fan in Mexico!

Hi there!

This is the very first time I'm writing a letter to Marvel, but I've been a comics fan all my life.

I met Spider-Man, Venom and the entire Marvel Universe with the great 1994 Spider-Man animated series, and what a rush since then! The things I can tell about the heroes, villains and how they shocked me and shaped my life are endless. Those stories still inspire me.

And the thing with Venom is that he is such an amazing character: strong, brave, ruthless, scary, smart, even obsessive, making him an enemy from your worst nightmares. He also looks great--that black costume with a big white spider is incredible. That's why he is among my favorite characters alongside Wolverine, Batman, Spider-Man, Predator, Alien, etc. I love him!!!

Way back in 2016 I found the VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT series and I was amazed and very happy to get regular additions to my collection (in Mexico, VENOM was rare for a while). Also the space theme seemed to be something fresh... Strange, because he is an alien! The writing of Robbie Thompson and the art of Ariel Olivetti, Kim Jacinto and Gerardo Sandoval defined an era to me, and when the series ended I was a little sad because I loved the whole story.

Then Mike Costa's run started and I liked it a lot. It was more classic in some ways. Introducing Lee Price as a cold, bad Venom, the return of Eddie Brock, the rivalry with the Scorpion, the reference of the union between host and suit as a relationship were all simply magical, and with the art of Sandoval, Mark Bagley and Paulo Siqueira, the story marked another era of Venom to me.

This might be something only I understand, but it is indescribable when certain stories relate to a time in your real life, and this Venom story did. So when Mike Costa finished his labor as a writer, I was sad again!

I started reading the work from Donny Cates and Ryan Stegman skeptically.

All I can say now is well done!

The story becomes pretty dark, introducing new elements and twisting the existing ones. I know every person has a way to do their thing, and I'm sure Donny and Ryan will define an era of Venom, just as the talented people before them did.

I hope to don't be so boring with all this! Really, it is just that I was excited about writing and showing my friends that I sent this letter! Hopefully, one day I'll write on the other side, making comics and even drawing, because that is one of my dreams.

In the words of Val Kilmer in *Batman Forever*: Thanks, everybody, keep up the good work. Factory looks great.

Miguel E.
Macuspana, Tabasco, Mexico

Thanks so much for being a loyal reader, Miguel! I know that it can sometimes be difficult to get Marvel comics outside of the U.S., so it really means a lot that you've been a dedicated Venomaniac all these years!

If it really is your dream to make comics (and this is just as true for all you Marvelites as it is for Miguel), the best advice I can give is to KEEP PRACTICING! We find new creators to collaborate with all the time and from all over the globe, so as long as you study the craft, do your best work and practice, practice, practice, you may yet join their ranks! Marvel often hosts portfolio reviews at comic conventions around the world where you can submit your work and get an honest critique, so that would be the next step.

It's a real treat to hear that you've enjoyed what Donny and Ryan have been doing, and I can't wait for you to see where we go from here!

First of all, thank you for all the hard work you've done for us fans.

I've always been a fan of Spider-Man comics. Our friendly neighborhood web-slinger never ceased to use his great power to fulfill his responsibility to entertain every one of his fans. Elements, such as humor and drama, suspense and action, guarantee the storylines will be top-notch. But among these storylines, the ones that are special to me are those that involve the so-called entities that always find a way back to Spidey's life without triggering his Spider-Sense... the apartment's rent payments!

Okay, maybe not the rent, but...symbiotes!

Ever since I read WEB OF VENOM: CARNAGE BORN, I've been excited for another symbiote smackdown battle royal. We all know that a Carnage story isn't a Carnage story without murder, so I'm already guessing that there's already a line of symbiotes that will follow Scorn.

As we prepare ourselves to bid farewell to some of our favorite living goops, maybe we should celebrate their contributions and influence not only to their respective hosts, but also to the Marvel Universe. My imagination is showing me another multi-panel cover poster (like ASM #642-647) and variant covers that feature the notable symbiotes (like in FEAR ITSELF: THE WORTHY).

Anyway, thank you once again and continue to keep up the good work.

Your fan,
R.R. Rafael
From The Philippines

P.S. Will we finally see Carnage vs. (Uncle) Anti-Venom? So hyped up for ABSOLUTE CARNAGE. LET CARNAGE RULE ONCE AGAIN!

Hi, R.R.! Thanks for your letter and for your great questions!

I've got some good news about all those variants--they're already underway!

We've got a pair of Variant Cover Programs in the works for fans and collectors just like you! They are...

THE CODEX VARIANTS: These will be a selection of covers that showcase characters who have worn Venom or one of its offspring and have codices in their DNA!

CULT OF CARNAGE VARIANTS: These covers will showcase the super villains who have been working with Carnage for the last several months!

Be sure to ask your shop about all of these covers and some of the other variants we've got in store!

As for your other questions, I don't want to spoil anything, but you're definitely not wrong. Carnage does tend to leave a body count behind wherever he goes...

Hey Venom team!

I have been a bit behind on VENOM, but I finally caught up now that school is out. I had left off around VENOM #10, and I was not expecting the twists and turns of VENOM #11. Just when I thought that was enough, you hit me with "Dylan is Eddie's son" in VENOM #12. You know, I am trying to be a comic book artist myself. With that being said, I find myself often focusing on the art a lot more than the story, so a story that REALLY captivates me as much as the art can be pretty rare. I thought I was in for a treat with Ryan Stegman's art, but I have been rewarded with some pretty great writing, too! Keep up the wonderful work; easily my favorite series this year.

Armando F.
New Orleans, LA

P.S. I must ask: Will we be seeing Dylan with a symbiote anytime soon? I believe that would be VERY interesting to see.

Man, what a nice note! Thanks so much, Armando, and thanks for keeping VENOM aside each and every month--even if you did have to put up with the last few weeks of school before you could sink your teeth into 'em!

Hey guys,

This is my first time writing here and I hope to make it in the next issue!

VENOM #13 was amazing!!! I knew about Venom, but then I went to my local comic shop and picked up the first issue of VENOM by Donny and Ryan and I was hooked! I can't seem to put this book down!

Every month I'm looking forward to the next issue. Venom seems a lot like myself, how we both deal with our inner demons, and it speaks to me on a personal level. I cannot wait for ABSOLUTE CARNAGE!!! I was worried that when Venom became part of the War of the Realms he wouldn't work well in his own title, but it works!!! The way it's written works great for him! Also, will we see more of Knull in the future? I really liked the arc dealing with him, and something tells me we haven't seen the last of him!

Keep it up, guys!
I AM VENOM!

Tyler L.

Good afternoon,

I have been a Venom fan since I can remember. I love his personality and his own spin on the Marvel Universe. He is an inspirational character who is not the common hero one expects.

Seeing as Eddie and Venom were separated again in the last issue of VENOM, I know that we are up for a wild ride in the issues to come. The visuals of the last couple comics have been quite beautiful, and I am excited to see more of it in the next issues.

Thank you once again for years of my childhood, and I hope you know that you are changing lives in the world every day. Just saying that I finished a writing course titled "Sociopolitics of the Marvel Universe," where we read, analyzed and wrote about comics, goes to show how big of an impact you guys are making. Thank you!

Mario Becerra A.

What a kind letter to end on! Thanks so much for reading and for writing, Mario. It always means so much to all of us to hear that our work makes a difference!

That's it for this one, Venomaniacs! After this, we're past the point of no return...full steam ahead for CARNAGE!

Stay sharp,
Devin

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